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+ Secretary-General says additional cost for his proposal to establish Electoral Division of United Nations Angola Verification Mission will be approximately $18.8 million.

+ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to begin repatriation of 375,000 Cambodian refugees on Monday, 30 March.

+ United Nations inspection team visits buried, apparently destroyed ballistic missiles in Iraq; Iraqi authorities hand over plans for destruction of missile equipment that they have previously failed to deliver.

+ Commission on Status of Women decides to hold 1995 World Conference on Women in Beijing, as it concludes annual session in Vienna.

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Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali says the expanded responsibilities of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II) -- if approved by the Security Council -- will cost the Organization approximately $18.8 million. He proposes that the amount be considered an expense to the United Nations to be borne by Member States.

The Secretary-General had proposed in a report to the Security Council that the UNAVEM be enlarged to include an Electoral Division for the purpose of observing and verifying the Angolan electoral process scheduled for September 1992. The expanded mandate would cover the period from 15 March to 31 October 1992.

In a further report to the Council, dated 20 March, the Secretary-General said that in order to carry out the expanded responsibilities it would be necessary to establish an office of the Special Representative in Luanda and to add an Electoral Division with six regional offices. Margaret Anstee, former Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, is the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Angola. (S/23671/Add.1)

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Calling it an "essential step in the implementation of the United Nations settlement plan for Cambodia", Spokesman François Giuliani announced today that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) would begin repatriation of 375,000 Cambodians in Thailand on Monday, 30 March.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Transition Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), Yasushi Akashi, will be in charge of the repatriation process.

The Spokesman said the date for the repatriation was agreed in Phnom Penh after consultations between Prince Norodom Sihanouk, President of the Supreme National Council, and Mr. Akashi. Preparations were now under way on both sides of the border for the 30 March movement, he said. In Thailand, 70 families (600 people) from various border camps would be contacted by UNHCR during the week.

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An inspection team of the Special Commission on Iraqi Disarmament visited today two sites at which Iraq claims to have buried SCUD-type missiles that were destroyed last summer. The team reported that initial excavation revealed some pieces of such missiles.

In a press release at Headquarters today, the Special Commission said the Iraqi authorities had been asked to conduct a full excavation to enable verification to be undertaken. When preparations are complete, the team will resume verification activities at the sites.

Iraqi authorities have also handed over plans for destruction of equipment associated with ballistic missiles programmes, that they had failed to deliver to the previous inspection team. Those plans were being studied and, if they meet requirements of Special Commission, destruction would begin during the team's inspection, the Commission said.

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The Commission on the Status of Women decided on Friday, 20 March, that the Fourth World Conference on Women be held in Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995.

The Commission, which is the preparatory body for that Conference, took that action by adopting a resolution which would have the United Nations Secretary-General appoint, by the end of 1992, a woman as Secretary-General of the Conference. The Commission recommended that she have international stature in relation to the advancement of women and experience of the United Nations system, and that she assume primary responsibility for the preparation of the Conference.

In her closing statement on Friday, Mrevat Tallawy (Egypt), Chairman of the Commission, said the current session had set a firm basis for the next stage of preparations for the 1995 Conference. She called on the

Secretary-General to ensure that the secretariat of the Conference would be equipped to carry forward the tasks for its successful completion.

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Among other decisions, the Commission recommended that the existence and scope of the communications mechanism on the status of women be publicized widely. It also recommended that existing procedure for receiving and considering communications, including the standard of admissibility, be made more transparent and efficient.

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